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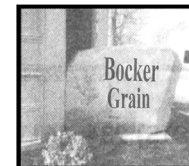
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Local Area Events

JANUARY

SVACC Dinner & Awards Night | Sterling
Alzheimer's Breakfast | Sterling
Pancake Breakfast | Sterling
Olympic Style Boxing | Sterling
YMCA Holiday Fun Day | Sterling

FEBRUARY

Pancake Breakfast | Prophetstown
Valentine's Day Dance | Sterling
Art Reception | Sterling
SVACC Bowling Extravaganza | Sterling
Cardinal Twilight Classic | Forreston

MARCH

PFS Trivia Night | Prophetstown
Wine Tasting | Rock Falls
Basket Bingo | Rock Falls
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner | Sterling
Doggie Egg Hunt | Sterling
Craft Fair | Sterling
Child Fair | Sterling

APRIL

Davis Junction Easter Egg Hunt
Dutch Days | Fulton
Easter Egg Hunt | Morrison
Rummage through Mt. Carroll
Spring Shop Hop | Mt. Carroll
Quilt Show | Mt. Carroll
Mayfest | Mt. Carroll
Sunrise Easter Service | Prophetstown
Main Street Plant Sale | Prophetstown
City Wide Garage Sales | Prophetstown
Canal Clean Up | Rock Falls
Career Fair | Sterling
Spring BBQ Lunch | Sterling
Expressions Art Sale | Sterling
Summer Festival Art Show & Crafts | Sterling

MAY

Garage Sales | Davis Junction
Illinois Watercolor Show | Dixon
Biker & Family Day | Fulton
Plant Sale | Fulton
CAPA Spring Art Show | Morrison
City Wide Garage Sales | Morrison
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony | Morrison
Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast | Mt. Morris
Mother's Day Buffet | Polo
Memorial Day Service | Prophetstown
Community Garage Sales | Rock Falls
Daddy's Girl Hair-A-Thon | Rock Falls
Memorial Day Celebration | Savanna
Garage Sales | Sterling
Chorus Show | Sterling
YMCA/Joe Curia Memorial Golf Outing | Sterling
Campus Walk | Sterling
Marseilles Run | Sterling

JUNE

Weekend in the Park | Davis Junction
Catfish Tournament | Dixon
Battle of Chaplin Creek | Franklin Grove
Plant Exchange | Franklin Grove
River Wellness Fest | Fulton
Bridal & Anniversary Walk | Fulton
Milledgeville Town Wide Garage Sales
Mounted Patrol Horse Show | Morrison
Ice Cream Social | Morrison
Hog Roast & Beer Garden Fundraiser | Mt. Morris
Fields Project Fine Arts & Crafts Show | Mt. Morris
Sidewalk Painting Event | Oregon
Town & Country Days | Polo
Marching Band Contest | Prophetstown
Memorial Golf Outing | Rock Falls
Rochelle Railroad Days
Riding for a Cure | Savanna
Army Depot Reunion | Savanna
A Walk in the Garden | Savanna
Sauk Valley Area Carnival | Sterling
Relay for Life | Sterling
5K Run & Walk | Sterling
Pork BBQ | Sterling
Ice Cream Social | Sterling
Hospice of the Rock River Memorial Service | Sterling
Garage Sales | Stillman Valley

Local Area Events

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle & Lee Counties
Lee County Fair | Amboy
Byronfest
Petunia Festival | Dixon
Abe Lincoln Re-enactment | Dixon
Reagan 5K Race | Dixon
Fiber Fair | Franklin Grove
Harvest Festival | Franklin Grove
Firecracker Weekend | Morrison
Whiteside County 4-H Show | Morrison
Garden Walk | Mt. Carroll
Highway 64 & 78 Festival | Mt. Carroll
Let Freedom Ring | Mt. Morris
Ogle County Fair | Oregon
Streetscape | Prophetstown
5K & 1 Mile Fun Run | Prophetstown
Summer Cookout & Tractor Show | Rock Falls
Corn Boil | Sterling

AUGUST

Amboy Depot Days Carnival
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show | Amboy
Dixon Carp Tournament
Gardenstock Art & Music Festival | Dixon
Reagan Trail Days | Dixon
Lincoln Buy-Way Yard Sale | Fulton
Carroll County Fair | Milledgeville
Whiteside County Fair | Morrison
Car, Truck & Tractor Show | Polo
Native American Pow-Wow | Prophetstown
Ampalooza | Rock Falls
SVACC Steak Fry | Sterling
Sinnissippi Foundation Golf Open | Sterling
Motorcycle Ride | Sterling
Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival | Rochelle

SEPTEMBER

Swinging for the Arts | Dixon
Scarecrow Festival | Dixon
Sauerkraut Day | Forreston
Autumn in the Village Fall Festival | Franklin Grove
Shop Lanark Fall Fest
Brick Street Saturday | Mt. Carroll
Youth Fishing Derby | Morrison
CAPA Paint the Town | Morrison
City Wide Rummage Sales | Polo
Chili Cook-Off | Polo
Firemen's Breakfast | Prophetstown
City Wide Garage Sales | Prophetstown
Cemetery Walk | Prophetstown
Sterling's Mural Fest
Fiesta Days & Parade | Sterling
Storytelling Festival | Sterling
Stillman Valley Festival

OCTOBER

Fall Festival | Fulton
Lanark Hometown Day
Halloween Parade | Morrison
Oktoberfest | Mt. Carroll
Autumn on Parade | Mt. Morris
Coon Creek Men's Club Farm Toy Show | Prophetstown
Halloween Spook Walk | Savanna

NOVEMBER

Prophetstown Main Street Banquet
Homemade Chili & BBQ Supper | Prophetstown
Lighted Christmas Parade | Prophetstown
Seasonal Sights & Sounds | Sterling
Hometown Holidays | Rock Falls
Festival of Trees | Rock Falls
Christmas Past Open House | Rock Falls
Christmas Walk | Savanna

DECEMBER

Downtown Christmas Walk | Fulton
Christmas at Heritage Canyon | Fulton
Morrison Christmas Walk
PTO Craft Fair | Morrison
Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes | Mt. Carroll
Charity Event Auction & Wine | Prophetstown
Dillon Home Museum Christmas Walk | Sterling

Resident Services

CARROLL COUNTY

Administration.....	(815)244-0228
Animal Control	244-9705
Assessments	244-0237
Circuit Clerk	244-0282
Clerk & Recorder	244-0221
Coroner	273-2264
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	631-8844
GIS	244-0254
Health Department	244-8855
Highway Department	244-3195
Probation	244-0249
Public Defender	244-0281
Sheriff.....	244-2635
State’s Attorney	244-0290
Treasurer.....	244-0243
Veteran’s Assistance Commission	244-0226
Zoning	244-0284

WHITESIDE COUNTY

Administration.....	(815)772-5100
Animal Control	625-3507
Assessments	772-5195
Circuit Clerk	772-5164
Clerk & Recorder	772-5189
Coroner	772-5274
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	772-4044
GIS	772-5185
Health Department	772-7411
Highway Department	772-7651
Probation.....	535-4550
Public Defender	772-5191
Sheriff.....	772-4044
State’s Attorney	772-5194
Treasurer.....	772-5156
Veteran’s Assistance Commission	626-8640
Zoning	772-5104

Resident Services

OGLE COUNTY

Administration.....	(815)732-1111
Animal Control	732-1185
Assessments	732-1150
Circuit Clerk	732-1130
Clerk & Recorder	732-1110
Coroner	732-1199
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	732-3201
GIS	732-2851
Health Department	732-7330
Highway Department	732-2851
Probation.....	732-1180
Public Defender	732-7444
Sheriff.....	732-6666
State’s Attorney	732-1170
Treasurer.....	732-1100
Veteran’s Assistance Commission	732-6101
Zoning	732-1190

LEE COUNTY

Administration.....	(815)284-3036
Animal Control	284-3833
Assessments	288-4483
Circuit Clerk	284-5234
Clerk & Recorder	288-3309
Coroner.....	288-5724
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	284-3365
GIS	288-4483
Health Department	284-3371
Highway Department	857-4141
Probation.....	284-5247
Public Defender	284-5239
Sheriff.....	284-6631
State’s Attorney	284-5245
Treasurer.....	288-4477
Veteran’s Assistance Commission	288-5683
Zoning	288-3643



Carroll County History (Mt. Carroll, County Seat)

Originally home to Indians, Carroll County was organized in 1839 from part of Jo Daviess County. It was named in honor of politician Charles Carroll of Maryland, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Savanna was selected as the original county seat in 1839, but voters moved it to Mt. Carroll in 1843. Early industry included agriculture and logging as the many waterways provided easy transportation for floating timber and products. With construction of the railroad Carroll County began to grow and settlements became cities. By 1900 the population of Carroll County had reached 18,963 and today it is home to approximately 15,749 residents.

CHADWICK – pop. 471

LANARK – pop. 1,457

MILLEDGEVILLE – pop. 930

MOUNT CARROLL (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,659

SAVANNA – pop. 3,211

SHANNON – pop. 795

THOMSON – pop. 524

**Populations are approximate.*

Carroll County Communities

CHADWICK

In 1853 Jacob Isenhart arrived to the Chadwick area and established the first homestead. Early settlers were attracted to the fertile soil, lush prairie and ample timber and rail lines were built in 1866. The area grew dramatically and Chadwick was incorporated in 1882. By 1887 Chadwick housed a variety of businesses including tailors, general stores, a jewelry shop, livery stable, music shop and a hotel. Today Chadwick is home to approximately 471 residents.

LANARK

Located in Rock Creek Township, Lanark was first recognized as Glasgow. The first settler, David Becker, arrived in 1844 and established a home. Streets were platted in 1859 and Glasgow was renamed Lanark due to postal confusion. As the railroad arrived in 1880 the area grew dramatically. Farms, homes, businesses, churches, schools and a post office were established, with Daniel Belding serving as the community's first postmaster. Businesses included creameries, mills, brick yards, factories and a variety of specialty shops. Today Lanark is home to approximately 1,457 residents.

MILLEDGEVILLE

John Ankeny first settled the Milledgeville area in 1831 as he was attracted to the ample natural resources and prairies. Early residents raised livestock and farmed crops and in 1837 the first mill was built by Elijah Eaton. The community was then named in honor of Eaton's mill as it was the first water powered mill in Carroll County. By 1850 streets were platted and a post office was established by Jacob McCourtie. The population of Milledgeville had reached 300 by 1878 and the community was incorporated in 1887. Today Milledgeville is home to approximately 930 residents.

MOUNT CARROLL (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1841 the Emmert, Halderman and Company established flour mills in the Mt. Carroll area. The community grew quickly and the county seat was moved from Savanna in 1843 due to Mt. Carroll's central location. The first courthouse was built in 1844 and businesses included a hotel, saloon, general stores and specialty shops. John Wilson served as the area's first postmaster and a school and church were established. The area was known for its plentiful wheat crops and flour was regularly shipped to markets in St. Louis. Today Mt. Carroll is home to approximately 1,659 residents.

Carroll County Communities

SAVANNA

First settled in 1828, Savanna was originally recognized as Galena. The area originated as a popular shipping and trading point where goods and people were transported via steamboats and ferries. Streets were platted in 1836 by Luther H. Bowman, who also served as the area's first postmaster. Savanna was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Mt. Carroll in 1843. Schools, churches and businesses were constructed and Savanna continued to thrive. By 1870 it housed breweries, mills, grain elevators, factories and the railroad continued to attract new residents. Today Savanna is home to approximately 3,211 residents.

SHANNON

Shannon was established in 1860 by William Shannon and the area grew quickly as the ample natural resources attracted settlers. Businesses included restaurants, mills, lumberyards and a variety of specialty shops. As the railroad was constructed Shannon continued to develop and churches and schools were established. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and the area continued to thrive. Today Shannon is home to approximately 795 residents.

THOMSON

Located in York Township, Thomson was first settled in the mid 1800's by Norman Judson. Attracted to the access to the Mississippi River, fertile valley and ample prairie, Mr. Judson constructed the first homestead in the area. The community was platted by the railroad company in 1864 and named after a railroad worker. Thomson became a vital shipping port and its population grew steadily. Today Thomson is home to approximately 524 residents.



Whiteside County History *(Morrison, County Seat)*

Whiteside County was originally home to Indians and was organized in 1836 from parts of Jo Daviess and Henry Counties. It was named in honor of General Samuel Whiteside who fought in the Indian Wars and the Black Hawk War. Morrison was selected as the county seat and the arrival of the railroad sparked rapid development. The fertile land near the Rock River appealed to many new residents and many arrived to raise crops and livestock. By 1900 the population of Whiteside County had reached 34,710 and today it is home to approximately 58,961 residents.

ALBANY – pop. 913

COLETA – pop. 151

DEER GROVE – pop. 47

ERIE – pop. 1,548

FULTON – pop. 3,832

LYNDON – pop. 543

MORRISON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 4,303

PROPHETSTOWN – pop. 1,925

ROCK FALLS – pop. 9,307

STERLING – pop. 15,124

TAMPICO – pop. 728

**Populations are approximate*

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Whiteside County Communities

ALBANY

Albany was first settled in 1835 and the area was originally two communities, Van Buren and Albany. As the population grew streets were platted in 1836. The two communities were joined and adopted the name Albany. By 1840 a hotel, sawmill and general stores were established and as the railroad was constructed in 1865, Albany grew steadily. The community was almost destroyed by a tornado in 1860, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Albany is home to approximately 913 residents.

COLETA

Settled in 1835, Coleta was first recognized as Genesee Grove. Fertile soil and ample timber attracted new residents and the community was renamed Coleta by the suggestion of Ms. Nora Parker. Schools, churches and general stores were constructed and the area continued to develop. Coleta was widely recognized for its many baseball teams, boasting some of the best ballplayers in the county. With construction of the railroad, Coleta continued to thrive and the community was recognized for its Spring Creek Band which attracted a variety of visitors every Independence Day. Today Coleta is home to approximately 151 residents.

DEER GROVE

The first settler of the Deer Grove area was William Renner in the 1860's. The community was named after the groves of trees and ample whitetail deer found throughout the vicinity. By 1880 businesses included a depot, lumberyard, tailor, doctor's office and stockyard. A post office was established with William Davis serving as the area's first postmaster. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and the arrival of the railroad brought new business. Today Deer Grove is home to approximately 47 residents.

ERIE

Erie was first settled by James McMillen in 1850. Streets were platted and the community grew slowly until construction of the railroad in 1869. A hotel, post office, general store, saw mill, manufacturing shops and specialty shops attracted new residents. A school and several churches were built to meet the growing needs of the community and Erie was incorporated as a village in 1872. Today Erie is home to approximately 1,548 residents.

Whiteside County Communities

FULTON

Once part of Albany, Fulton was settled by John Baker in the 1820's. The community was surveyed by James Haun and the settlement grew slowly until an influx of pioneers arrived in 1837. Fulton's proximity to the Mississippi River appealed to many new residents and a variety of businesses were thriving by 1842. Ferry boats were a popular means of travel and the population of Fulton quickly grew to 400 by 1870. Today Fulton is home to approximately 3,832 residents.

LYNDON

In 1837 Lyndon was surveyed and platted as a river community near the Rock River. The area grew steadily as fertile soil and ample water power attracted a variety of settlers. By 1841 Lyndon housed hotels, blacksmith shops, grocery stores, general stores, a lumberyard and a variety of specialty shops. The advent of the railroad brought new businesses and Lyndon was incorporated as a village in 1874. Paper mills, flour mills and manufacturing shops lined the Rock River and the area continued to develop. Today Lyndon is home to approximately 543 residents.

MORRISON (COUNTY SEAT)

Located in Mt. Pleasant Township, Morrison was surveyed and platted in 1855. The community was named after Charles Morrison of New York who was a wealthy businessman expected to fund the community. Settlers established a hotel and upon completion of the railroad, Morrison began to grow dramatically. In 1856 the first county fair was held in Morrison and the community was incorporated the following year. In 1858 the county seat was moved from Sterling to Morrison and its population continued to grow. Today Morrison is home to approximately 4,003 residents.

PROPHETSTOWN

Prophetstown was named in honor of the Prophet, a Winnebago Indian Chief who originally inhabited the area. The fertile valleys and easy access to water attracted many settlers. Asa Cook and his family were the first to arrive in 1834 and the community grew quickly with the establishment of a flour mill along the Rock River. Mr. Cook served as Prophetstown's first postmaster in 1836 and as roads were constructed, the community developed rapidly. By 1860 its population had reached 1,144. Today Prophetstown is home to approximately 1,925 residents.

Whiteside County Communities

ROCK FALLS

Located in Coloma Township, Rock Falls was founded and named by A. P. Smith in 1867 upon the deserted community of Rapids City. Mr. Smith constructed a dam along the Rock River and the area grew quickly as manufacturing centers were founded. By 1877 the population of Rock Falls had reached 1,200 and completion of the railroad added to its development. A bridge connecting the community to Sterling was built and ferry boats transported travelers and goods. Today Rock Falls is home to approximately 9,307 residents.

STERLING

Sterling originated as two communities, Harrisburg and Chatham, along the Rock River. Upon its organization, the community was renamed in honor of mayor James Sterling. Ample water power and natural resources attracted settlers and mills were established. Sterling was organized in 1857 and as rail lines were completed the area continued to grow. It was widely recognized as the "Hardware Capital of the World," and quickly became a center for commerce and industry throughout the area. By 1900 Sterling's population had reached 6,309 and has continued to develop. Today Sterling is home to approximately 15,124 residents.

TAMPICO

Tampico was first settled by Nicholas and John Lutyens and Hiram Tompkins in 1852. A school house was built two years later which attracted new residents. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and as the railroad was completed corn was shipped to nearby markets. The first post office was established in 1871 with J. S. Kimball serving as postmaster. A tornado nearly destroyed the area in 1874 but residents quickly rebuilt. In 1929 Tampico's population had reached 650 and the community is the birthplace of President Ronald Reagan. Today Tampico is home to approximately 728 residents.



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Ogle County History *(Oregon, County Seat)*

Originally home to Indians, Ogle County was organized in 1836 from part of Jo Daviess and LaSalle Counties. It was named in honor of Captain Joseph Ogle, who fought in the Revolutionary War. Oregon was selected as the county seat and in 1839 the borders of Ogle County were changed to make Lee County. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and logging and goods were easily transported along the Rock River. As the railroad was constructed Ogle County began to grow dramatically. By 1900 the population of Ogle County had reached 29,129 and today it is home to approximately 55,336 residents.

ADELINE – pop. 141
BYRON – pop. 3,850
CRESTON – pop. 623
DAVIS JUNCTION – pop. 2,270
FORRESTON – pop. 1,490
HILLCREST – pop. 1,288
LEAF RIVER – pop. 541

MONROE CENTER – pop. 500
MOUNT MORRIS – pop. 3,078
OREGON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 4,123
POLO – pop. 2,477
ROCHELLE – pop. 482
STILLMAN VALLEY – pop. 1,108
**Populations are approximate.*

Ogle County Communities

ADELINE

Settlers arrived to the Adeline area in the 1840's as they were attracted to the fertile soil and ample timber for construction. Streets were platted in 1846 and the community began to grow upon completion of the railroad. By 1880 its population had reached 400 and the community housed several general stores and mills. Today Adeline is home to approximately 141 residents.

BYRON

Byron was settled as pioneers were attracted to the proximity to the Rock River and rich soil in the mid 1800's. Mills, general stores, churches and a school were established and Byron began to develop as the railroad was constructed. The community was the birthplace of Albert Goodwill Spalding, manager, professional baseball player and co-founder of the A.G. Spalding sporting equipment company, and also Wilson Irvine, an American Impressionist painter. Today Byron is home to approximately 3,850 residents.

CRESTON

Settled in the 1840's, Creston was founded in 1856. Pioneers were attracted to the ample natural resources and early industry was led by agriculture. As homes were established, business developed to meet the growing needs of the community. An opera house was constructed in 1875 and as the railroad arrived, Creston continued to grow. Today Creston is home to approximately 623 residents.

DAVIS JUNCTION

Located in Scott Township, Davis Junction was platted by Jeremiah Davis in 1875. A school and church were established which attracted new residents. Early industry included agriculture and logging and businesses included general stores, hardware stores, a blacksmith shop, hotel and specialty shops. The arrival of the railroad prompted growth as two railway lines intersected in the area. Today Davis Junction is home to approximately 2,270 residents.

FORRESTON

Originally recognized as White Oak Grove, Forreston was platted in 1854 by George Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt established a homestead and as the railroad was constructed in 1855 the area began to grow. Prairies attracted settlers and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. A hotel, grain elevator, pharmacy, grocery store, hardware store, shoemaking shop and a variety of specialty shops were founded by 1856. Today Forreston is home to approximately 1,490 residents.

Ogle County Communities

HILLCREST

Hillcrest was settled in the 1840's as pioneers were drawn to the prairies. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and development continued with the arrival of the railroad. Hillcrest was incorporated in 1985 and its central location has made the area a distribution hub for many products. Today Hillcrest is home to approximately 1,288 residents.

LEAF RIVER

Settled in the 1840's, Leaf River was platted by J.M. West and C.E. Gafflin in 1880. Joseph W. Newcomer served as Leaf River's first mayor and industry was led by agriculture. The area grew quickly as railway lines were constructed and by 1900 its population had reached 600. Early businesses included a creamery, hotel, bank, blacksmith shops, general stores and a newspaper office. Today Leaf River is home to approximately 541 residents.

MONROE CENTER

Fertile prairie land attracted pioneers to the area in the 1840's and the arrival of the railroad sparked the development of Monroe Center. A hotel was built in 1876 and a variety of manufacturing shops and businesses soon followed including hardware stores, grocery stores, drug stores, livery stables and an opera hall. By 1905 its population neared 300 and Monroe Center continued to thrive. Today Monroe Center is home to approximately 500 residents.

MOUNT MORRIS

Mt. Morris was first settled by John Phelps in 1835 as he established a homestead. The community was founded in 1841 and named by Horace G. Miller in honor of his hometown, Mt. Morris, New York. Pioneers arrived to farm the fertile prairies and by 1848 the community was incorporated. The construction of the Rock River Seminary and the Mount Morris College aided its growth as the area was recognized for its education. By 1900 its population had reached 1,048 and Mt. Morris continued to thrive. The area was a center for publishing as magazines and a variety of newspapers were printed and distributed throughout the region. Today Mount Morris is home to approximately 3,078 residents.

Ogle County Communities

OREGON (COUNTY SEAT)

John Phelps arrived to the area in 1833 who managed the first ferry along the Rock River. Mr. Phelps named the community Oregon, meaning “River of the West.” Pioneers continued to arrive and soon a general store, blacksmith shop, church and school were established. A post office was constructed with Harry Moss serving as the first postmaster. By 1848 Oregon’s population had reached 225 and the area continued to grow. It was selected as the county seat and in 1892 a courthouse was built which has become a historic site. Today Oregon is home to approximately 4,123 residents.

POLO

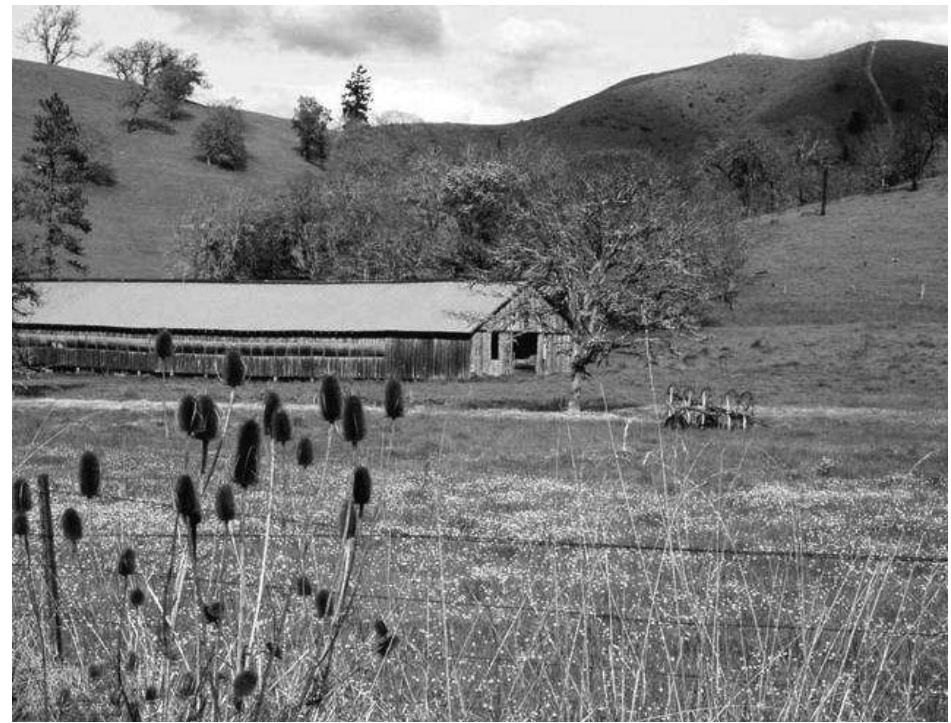
Polo began as a stopping place for travelers along the Galena Trail and was founded by Zenus Aplington. The area was settled in the 1830’s and construction of the railroad attracted new residents. Polo was incorporated in 1857 as businesses, churches and a school were built to meet the growing needs of the community. In 1871 a public library was established and by 1900 Polo’s population neared 2,000. Today Polo is home to approximately 2,477 residents.

ROCHELLE

First recognized as Lane, Rochelle was settled in the 1840’s. The community was incorporated in 1853 and construction of the railroad brought dramatic growth. Businesses were established and the area began to develop. As the Lincoln Highway was constructed, which was the first coast to coast highway, the first filling station was established in Rochelle. The community’s proximity to a variety of travel routes has deemed Rochelle the “Hub City.” Today Rochelle is home to approximately 482 residents.

STILLMAN VALLEY

Stillman Valley was named after the nearby Stillman Creek and Major Stillman who fought and died during the Black Hawk War in 1832. The community was platted in 1874 and founded in 1876. As railway lines were established the area grew dramatically and a post office was constructed that brought mail daily. General stores, a grain elevator, bank, apple cider processor, newspaper office and a variety of specialty shops were built and Stillman Valley continued to thrive. Churches and schools were founded and a memorial was established for the fallen of the Black Hawk War. Today Stillman Valley is home to approximately 1,108 residents.



Lee County History *(Dixon, County Seat)*

Originally home to Indians and battles of the Black Hawk War, Lee County was organized in 1839 from part of Ogle County. It was named in honor of Richard Henry Lee, a politician and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Dixon was selected as the county seat and the area began to grow. The fertile soil was ideal for farming and the ample prairie necessary for livestock. Construction of the railroad sparked dramatic growth as products and travelers were easily transported. By 1900 the population of Lee County had reached 29,894 and today it is home to approximately 34,919 residents.

AMBOY – pop. 2,574

ASHTON – pop. 1,166

COMPTON – pop. 333

DIXON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 15,033

FRANKLIN GROVE – pop. 1,000

HARMON – pop. 144

NELSON – pop. 157

PAW PAW – pop. 876

STEWART – pop. 261

SUBLETTE – pop. 442

WEST BROOKLYN – pop. 167

**populations are approximate*

Lee County Communities

AMBOY

Amboy was first settled in 1852 as the Illinois Central Railroad purchased land for tracks. The area was surveyed in 1854 and businesses were established including a hotel, repair shops and manufacturing plants. The area grew dramatically and by 1856 Amboy's population had reached nearly 2,000 residents. It was incorporated as a city in 1857 and the area has continued to thrive. Today Amboy is home to approximately 2,574 residents.

ASHTON

Once part of Bradford, Ashton was settled in 1835. As rail lines were constructed the area was recognized as Ogle. Streets were platted in 1855 by Joseph Crawford and the community became known as Ashton. The first general store was opened by James L. Bates and other businesses followed including a warehouse, grain elevator, bank, meat markets, doctors offices, flour mills and a variety of specialty shops. Ashton was incorporated in 1867 and by 1890 its population had reached 680. Today Ashton is home to approximately 1,166 residents.

COMPTON

Compton was first settled by Zachariah T. Melguin in 1833 and the region was originally called Melguin's Grove. The area was a popular stagecoach stop and pioneers established homesteads. Local landowner Joel Compton donated acres of land for the railroad and the area grew dramatically as rail lines were constructed. Mr. Compton also founded a hotel, grocery store and drug store and the community was named in his honor. Today Compton is home to approximately 333 residents.

DIXON (COUNTY SEAT)

Joseph Ogee was the first settler in the Dixon area in 1828. Mr. Ogee established a post office and operated a ferry along the Rock River. In 1830 John Dixon arrived and purchased Mr. Ogee's land and ferry and the community was named in his honor. The community and Dixon's Ferry became a fort for the Black Hawk War and Abraham Lincoln marched troops through the area in 1832, where a memorial now stands. Dixon was selected as the county seat and is known as the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan. Today Dixon is home to approximately 15,033 residents.

Lee County Communities

FRANKLIN GROVE

Open prairies attracted pioneers to the area in 1835 and Colonel Nathan Whitney arrived the following year. Col. Whitney established the first commercial orchard in Illinois called Franklin's Grove and the community was named in its honor. Early farmers grew wheat and by 1845 Franklin Grove was platted and surveyed. It was incorporated in 1857 and boasted a variety of businesses including general stores, grain elevators, flour mills, drug stores, lawyer offices, a furniture store, hardware store and a variety of shops. Today Franklin Grove is home to approximately 1,000 residents.

HARMON

The Harmon area was first settled in 1853 by John D. Rosbrook and his family. The community was named Harmon by the Rosbrook family in honor of a friend and tough prairie soil made the land difficult for development. Early residents raised cattle and sheep as the prairie was ideal for grazing. The first school session was taught in 1857 by Ms. Vianna Tuttle and Harmon began to grow. Today Harmon is home to approximately 144 residents.

NELSON

The Nelson area was first settled in 1836 by Luther Stone and development was slow until the 1850's. In 1857 John McKinstry established the community as a rail station along the Northwestern Railroad. Mr. McKinstry founded the first general store and a post office in 1858. By 1880 the population of Nelson had reached 454 and the community was later incorporated in 1923. Today Nelson is home to approximately 157 residents.

PAW PAW

The first permanent settler in the Paw Paw area was David E. Town in 1834. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water and the community was named after a plentiful fruit tree found in the region called Paw Paw. William Rogers served as Paw Paw's first postmaster in 1837 and by 1878 the community boasted two newspapers, two hotels, general stores, a seminary and teaching academy, and variety of businesses. Today Paw Paw is home to approximately 876 residents.

Lee County Communities

STEWARD

Steward was settled in 1855 and named in honor of the local resident Wesley Steward. Mr. Steward was a prominent land owner who assisted in the railroad development and also established the first grain elevator. A restaurant, general store and post office were constructed in 1871 and Steward began to develop. The area became an important railroad junction in 1902 and Steward continued to thrive. Today Steward is home to approximately 261 residents.

SUBLETTE

Sublette was settled in the 1830's as pioneers arrived to stake land claims and the community was established in 1854. Agriculture dominated early industry as local farmers grew wheat on the prairie. As the railroad arrived Sublette began to grow as a depot was constructed. Businesses, churches and a school were established and the community continued to thrive. Today Sublette is home to approximately 442 residents.

WEST BROOKLYN

Settlers began to arrive to the West Brooklyn area in the 1840's. In 1872 the community was platted by the Chicago and Rock River Railroad and a depot was constructed. The first post office and general store were built by H. H. Carnahan and businesses included a blacksmith shop, factory, bank, grain elevators and manufacturing plants. As transportation continued to improve, West Brooklyn continued to develop. Today West Brooklyn is home to approximately 167 residents.

John Deere Historic Site*

176 years ago a young blacksmith came west in search of a better life for his family, to build a family home and thriving business. He soon discovered that local farmers were having problems taming the midwest prairie soil so he set out to solve that very problem. That determination resulted in that young blacksmith perfecting the self scouring steel plow that allowed the sticky prairie soils to be turned into crop ground. The young blacksmith's name was John Deere.

This year the John Deere Historic Site will open its gates to the public for its 49th season. Located in Grand Detour, the site is the original Illinois homestead of John Deere and is the location where he built that first "self-scouring" steel plow. The home Deere built still stands, and the Historic Site was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service, and a Historic Landmark of Agricultural Engineering by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

John Deere Historic Site

Tour guides provide an entertaining and educational perspective of life on the prairie in the atmosphere of a friendly 19th century village. The John Deere Historic Site is funded and managed by the John Deere Foundation and opened to the public in 1964. During the off-season, sidewalks were added throughout the site making the grounds more accessible to guests.

In 1962, an archaeological team from the University of Illinois unearthed the exact location of the blacksmith shop where John Deere worked in the early 1800's. The location is preserved in an exhibit hall and features artifacts found on the site. A backdrop includes a pictorial interpretation that charts Deere's progress. Renovations were recently made to this building providing a better viewing experience for guests. Updates include new display cases, additional seating and a glass wall for better viewing.

John Deere's home is another of the site's main attractions. He built this home in 1836 and later added sections to accommodate a growing family. The rooms are furnished in period décor and guided tours are available.

The heart of the John Deere Historic Site is a recreation of Deere's original blacksmith shop. Entering is like a time warp to early pioneer days as guests see the shop as it would have looked over a century ago. Generally, five to seven times a day, a resident blacksmith demonstrates what it takes to be a skilled iron worker. Items created by the blacksmith are sold in the site's Gift Shop along with a variety educational books and toys, John Deere Historic Site apparel and a limited amount of John Deere licensed products.

A heritage garden at the site showcases perennials typically found in the region from 1804 to the present. Historical timelines are displayed throughout the garden, created to educate guests and horticultural enthusiasts on innovative and historical data of John Deere's life from his birth to the present. Each timeline is paired with perennials that would have existed during that time period. The Heritage Garden is the result of significant research and design with mastery level gardeners from the Midwest.



Local Area Attractions

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Tips on Recycling & Living Greener



Recycle as much as you can. Even simple everyday things, such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans, can make a huge difference.



Switch your incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent ones. Save money and energy.



Bring your own reusable shopping bags with you to the supermarket or the mall.



Donate your unwanted clothing to a local charity. Eyeglasses, household items, electronics and even vehicles can be accepted.



Recycle your used ink and toner cartridges. Most office supply stores accept used cartridges.



Recycle your used batteries. This prevents poisonous mercury from seeping into our water supplies and soil. Switch to rechargeable ones.



Switch to unbleached toilet paper, paper towels and coffee filters. Avoiding bleached products can help preserve our water supply and soil.



Unplug any unused appliances. Your cellphone charger uses electricity, even when your phone isn't charging - especially if you are not going to be home.



Bring your own lunch. You'll avoid using non-recyclable styrofoam to-go containers and unnecessary throw-away packaging.



Start a compost bin in your yard. There are even ones that you can store under your kitchen sink.



Be crafty. Let old items be an inspiration for a craft project and re-purpose old items. Punch holes in tin cans to make candle luminaries or use empty yogurt containers to organize nuts and bolts.



Have a green-cleaning product party. Invite your friends over to make enough vinegar-based homemade cleaners to share.



Run your washer/dryer/dishwasher after 5pm. This is when less electricity is being used, especially in larger cities. In air-conditioned summer months this can help prevent blackouts.

Parks & Recreation

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK

1365 Castle Rock Rd. | Oregon | (815) 732-7329
Located on 2,000 acres near the Rock River, Castle Rock State Park features a campground, picnic areas, grills, playground equipment, boat launch, hiking trails, hunting areas and fishing opportunities.

FRANKLIN CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA

1872 Twist Rd. | Franklin Grove | (815) 456-2878
Located on 882 acres northwest of Franklin Grove, the Franklin Creek State Natural Area features picnic areas, cooking grills, hiking trails, equestrian trails, hunting areas, fishing opportunities and the historical Franklin Creek Grist Mill.

LOWDEN STATE PARK

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Located on 207 acres near the Rock River, Lowden State Park features a campground, picnic areas, boat launches, hiking trails and fishing opportunities.

LOWDEN-MILLER STATE FOREST

1365 Castle Rock Rd. | Oregon | (815) 732-7329
Located on 2,291 acres south of Oregon, the Lowden-Miller State Forest features picnic areas, hiking trails, equestrian trails and hunting areas.

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Located on 2,500 acres near the Mississippi and Apple River, Mississippi Palisades State Park

features a campground, picnic areas, cooking stoves, boat launches, hiking trails, hunting areas, fishing opportunities and concessions.

MORRISON-ROCKWOOD STATE PARK

18750 Lake Rd. | Morrison | (815) 772-4708
Located on 1,164 acres near Lake Carlton, Morrison-Rockwood State Park features a campground, picnic areas, cooking stoves, boat launch, hiking trails, equestrian trails, hunting areas, fishing opportunities and concessions.

PROPHETSTOWN STATE RECREATION AREA

P.O. Box 181 | Prophetstown | (815) 537-2926
Located on 53 acres near the Rock River, the Prophetstown State Recreation Area features a campground, picnic areas, cooking stoves, playground equipment, hiking trails, hunting areas, horseshoe courts and fishing opportunities.

WHITE PINES FOREST STATE PARK

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Located on 385 acres near the old Chicago-Iowa Trail, White Pines Forest State Park features the White Pines Inn, a campground, picnic areas, fireplaces, playground equipment and hiking trails. Reservations may be made for the White Pines Inn by calling (815) 946-3817 and features a restaurant and dinner theatre.

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Illinois Hunting Seasons

Beaver (North Zone) Trapping Season - 11/5/2012 to 3/31/2013

Beaver (South Zone) Trapping Season - 11/10/2012 to 3/31/2013

Youth Spring Turkey Season (Southern Zone) - 3/30/2013 to 3/31/2013

River Otter Season (North) - 11/5/2012 to 3/31/2013

River Otter Season (South) - 11/10/2012 to 3/31/2013

Youth Spring Turkey Season (Northern Zone) - 4/6/2013 to 4/7/2013

First Spring Turkey Season (Southern Zone) - 4/8/2013 to 4/12/2013

Second Spring Turkey Season (Southern Zone) - 4/13/2013 to 4/18/2013

First Spring Turkey Season (Northern Zone) - 4/15/2013 to 4/19/2013

Third Spring Turkey Season (Southern Zone) - 4/19/2013 to 4/24/2013

Second Spring Turkey Season (Northern Zone) - 4/20/2013 to 4/25/2013

Third Spring Turkey Season (Northern Zone) - 4/26/2013 to 5/1/2013

Fourth Spring Turkey Season (Southern Zone) - 4/25/2013 to 5/1/2013

Fourth Spring Turkey Season (Northern Zone) - 5/2/2013 to 5/8/2013

Fifth Spring Turkey Season (Southern Zone) - 5/2/2013 to 5/9/2013

Fifth Spring Turkey Season (Northern Zone) - 5/9/2013 to 5/16/2013

Youth Firearm Deer Season - 10/12/2013 to 10/13/2013

First Firearm Deer Season - 11/22/2013 to 11/24/2013

Second Firearm Deer Season - 12/5/2013 to 12/8/2013

First Muzzleloader Deer Season - 12/5/2013 to 12/8/2013

Second Muzzleloader Deer Season - 12/13/2013 to 12/15/2013

First Late-Winter/CWD Deer Season - 12/26/2013 to 12/29/2013

First Late-Winter Antlerless Deer Season - 12/26/2013 to 12/29/2013

Second Late-Winter Antlerless Deer Season - 1/17/2014 to 1/19/2014

Second Late-Winter/CWD Deer Season - 1/17/2014 to 1/19/2014

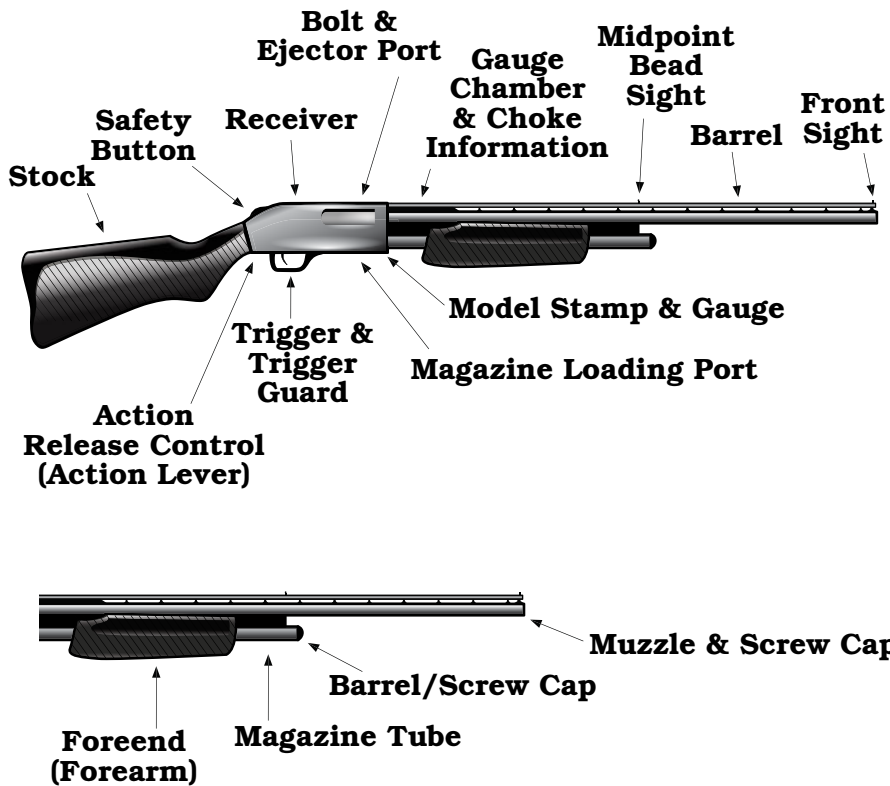
Archery Deer Season - 10/1/2013 to 1/19/2014

RABBIT, PHEASANT, QUAIL, PARTRIDGE, SQUIRREL, WOODCHUCK, EARLY CANADA GOOSE, WOODCOCK, CROW, DOVE*

TBD

*Contact the Illinois DNR for more information on specific zones and dates by calling (217) 935-6860.

Hunting Safety



All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are five suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

1. Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
2. Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
3. Weather can change quickly, so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supplies.
4. If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
5. Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

Illinois Sportfishing Regulations

BLACK BASS

(Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted Bass) 6 bass daily creel limit. In streams or rivers, excluding the Mississippi, Ohio, Wabash, Illinois Rivers, daily creel limit is 3. No statewide size limit.

TEMPERATE BASS*

(Striped, White & Hybrid Striped Bass) No creel limit for fish with a maximum length 17 inches. 3 fish daily creel limit for fish with a minimum length of 17 inches. 30 fish daily creel limit and 25 fish daily creel limit for site specific waters.

TIGER & PURE MUSKIES*

1 fish daily creel limit with a minimum length of 36 inches and a minimum length of 42 inches in site specific waters.

WALLEYE, SAUGER & HYBRID WALLEYE/SAUGER*

6 fish daily creel limit with a minimum length of 14 inches in site specific waters.

NORTHERN PIKE*

3 fish daily creel limit with a minimum length of 24 inches, excluding the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

BULLFROGS

8 bullfrogs daily limit with 16 bullfrog possession limit.

SALMON & TROUT

















(Lake Michigan) 5 fish daily creel limit with a minimum length of 10 inches. (Outside Lake Michigan) 5 fish daily creel limit.

TURTLES & FROGS

8 turtles or frogs of each species daily limit with 16 turtle or frog possession limit.

**Contact the Illinois DNR for more information on site specific water regulations by calling (217) 935-6860.*

Common Fish Species

 Blue Catfish	 Bluegill	 Bullhead	 Carp
 Channel Catfish	 Crappie	 Flathead Catfish	 Freshwater Drum
 Largemouth Bass	 Muskellunge	 Northern Pike	 Redear Sunfish
 Smallmouth Bass	 Striped Bass	 Walleye	 White Bass



Boating Safety

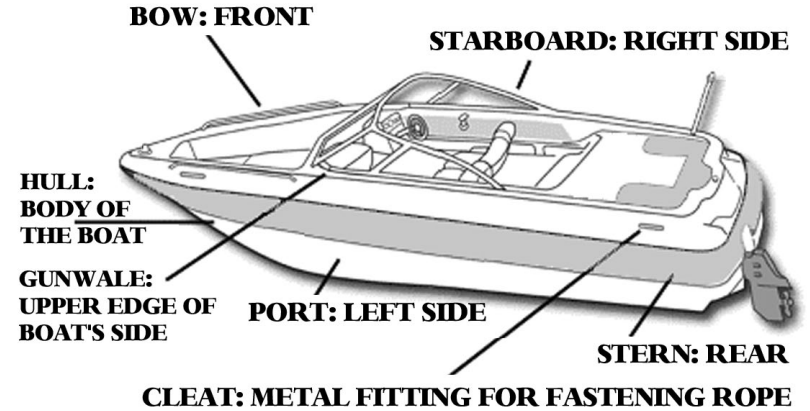
Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

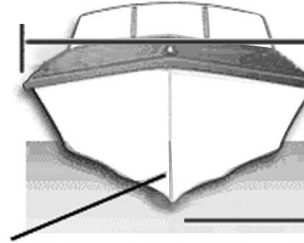
- Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.
- Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.
- Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.
- Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.
- Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.
- In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.
- Turn boat at slow rates of speed.
- Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.
- Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



BEAM: MAXIMUM WIDTH OF BOAT



FREEBOARD: DISTANCE FROM WATER SURFACE TO LOWEST POINT WHERE WATER COULD COME ABOARD BOAT.

DRAFT: DEPTH OF WATER NEEDED TO FLOAT VESSEL

KEEL: CENTERLINE OF BOAT OR EXTENSION OF HULL (INCREASES STABILITY)

Who May Operate a Motorboat (Other Than a Personal Watercraft)

For engines 25 horsepower or less:

Those under age 12 may operate without restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower through 75 horsepower:

Those under age 12 must have someone 21 years of age or older on board within reach of the controls.

For engines over 75 horsepower:

No children under age 12 may operate, even with an adult on board.

Other restrictions apply to boat operators 12 to 17 years old:

Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate engines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower:

Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have:

A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older on board within reach of the controls.

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

All watercraft must have at least one Coast Guard Approved Type 1, 2, 3 or 5 flotation device that is the proper size for each person on board or being towed.

All devices must be in good condition and easily accessible.

Children under age 10 must wear a device when on board a boat that is underway unless: in an enclosed cabin or below deck or on an anchored boat that is being used for swimming or diving or passenger craft with a licensed captain.

Along with the above at least one approved Type 4 must be on board boats 16 ft. or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and immediately available.

A Coast Guard approved Type 5 device may be substituted for any other Coast Guard approved device if it meets the same requirements and is noted on the label.

Anyone riding a jet ski or other Personal Water Craft must wear an approved -non inflating flotation device, as well as anyone being towed by a water craft.

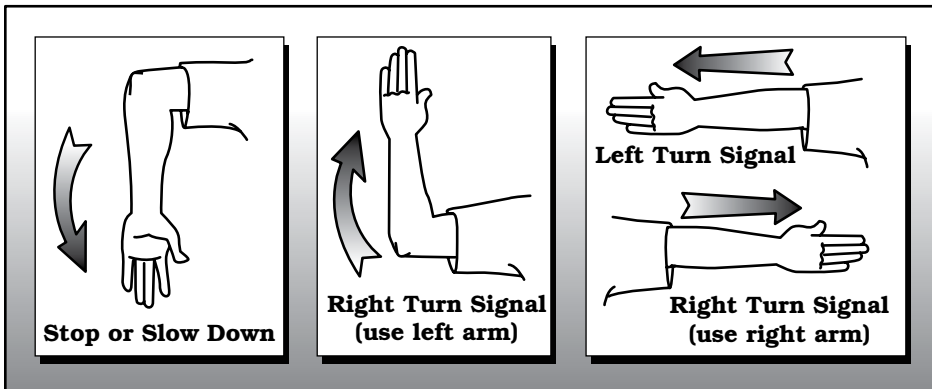
ATV Safety

- Read the owner's manual and know your vehicle thoroughly.
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

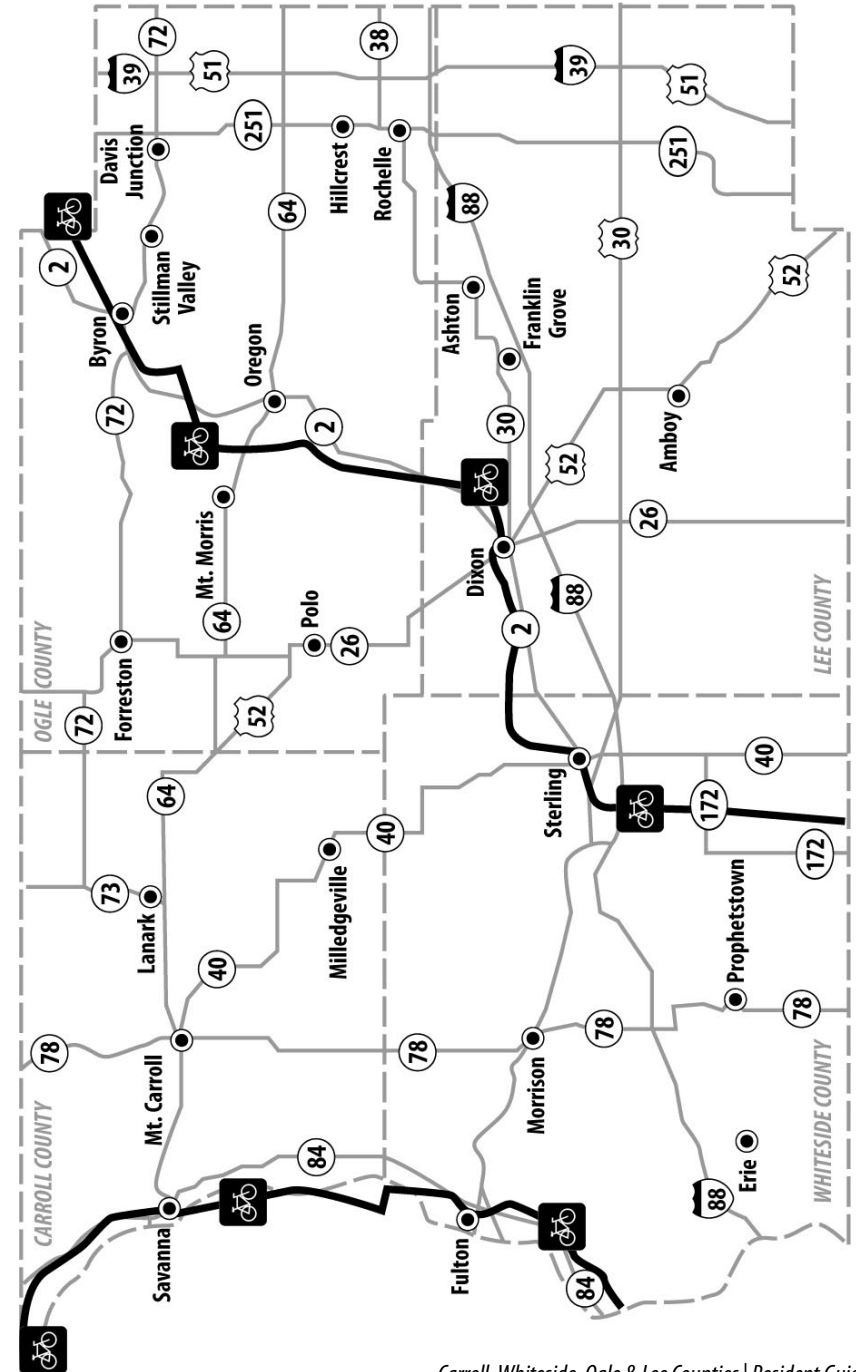


Bicycle Safety

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Grand Illinois Bicycle Trails



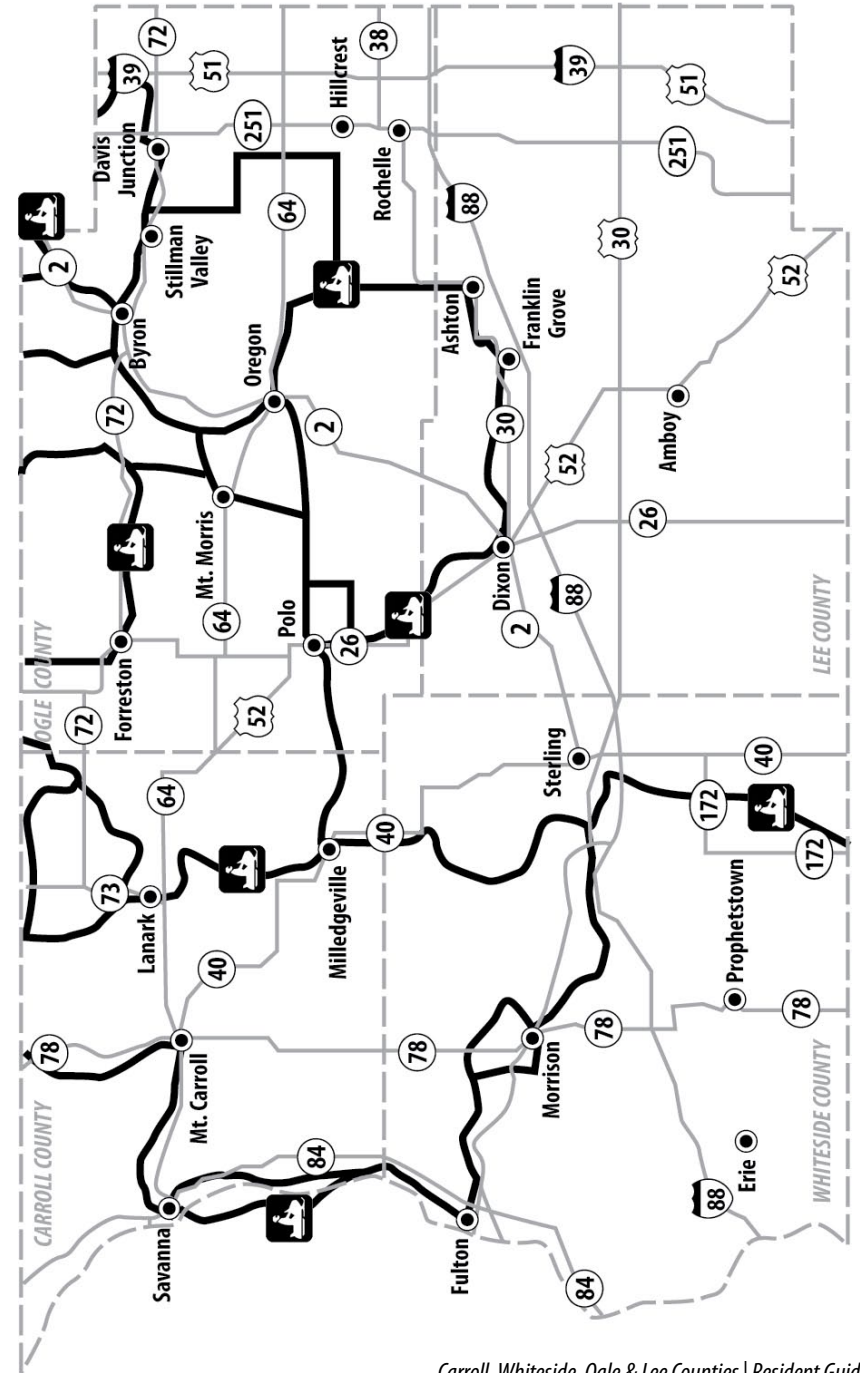
Snowmobile Safety

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Common Trail Signs



Snowmobile Trails



Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

⊕ Emergency First-Aid Tips ⊕

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- **DIAL 911**
- **Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)**
- **Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)**
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious**

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

⊕ *Emergency First-Aid Tips* ⊕

FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking.

If they are not breathing - administer CPR. Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.

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